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Enquiry into the working of the Madura Industrial Institute.

*743 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether further enquiry will be made to ascertain why the Madura Industrial Institute workshop is working at a loss;

(b) if so, when such enquiry will commence; and

(c) whether the enquiry will extend to the high salaries paid to the staff?

A.—(a) to (c) No such inquiry is under contemplation at present.

Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM:—"Will the hon the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether, considering the admittedly deplorable condition in which the accounts of the Madura Industrial Institute are kept, the Government will be pleased to order a further enquiry? In the Government Order issued by the Government, they have admitted that the accounts of this Institute are in a deplorable state. Considering that point, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to order an immediate enquiry to be instituted?"

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"An enquiry was held only very recently, and I do not think that any necessity has arisen for another enquiry to be made so soon after."

Mr. K. V. R SWAMI:—"May I know, Sir, what the result was of that enquiry which was held recently?"

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"It was decided, Sir, that the Institute should be continued and should not be closed down sloley because there was some loss incurred over that. An educational institution cannot necessarily be run as a commercial concern."

Encouragement of cottage industries.

*744 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how far the survey of cottage industries has been carried out;

(b) whether the Government has formed any idea of encouraging any of the cottage industries;

(c) which of the industries the Government will encourage;

(d) what steps will be taken towards such encouragement; and

(e) the amount of money that will be spent for this purpose?

A.—(a) The survey has been completed in the Cuddapah and Bellary districts.

(b) & (e) The report on the survey of the Cuddapah district is now under consideration. The report on the Bellary survey has not yet been received.